



City of Seat Pleasant

Eugene W. Grant, Mayor

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SEAT PLEASANT, MD - Today Eugene W. Grant, mayor of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence announced that he will be hosting the 2011 “Mayor’s Tuesday Social” series for citizens and residents of his municipality starting on Tuesday, July 19th at Seat Pleasant Heights Neighborhood Park from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. These events will be held throughout the summer in various parks within A City of Excellence. Residents and citizens will have an opportunity to learn about the numerous assistance programs offered by the various utility providers and other businesses that provide important services.

The continuing distressed economy highlights **Mayor Grant’s** initial call to action in 2007 with the Mayor’s Tuesday Socials. The need to host such an event came about when **Mayor Grant’s** office fielded numerous calls for energy assistance. Many residents continue to have a difficult time in paying their utility bills. After speaking with the various utility companies “...we realized many people residing inside the beltway remain delinquent or are unable to pay their utility bills,” stated Mayor Grant. Many citizens and residents struggle with determining which utility bill takes priority for payment and which services to go without. Citizens and residents are worried that their continued delinquency to electric, natural gas, water and telephone companies will result in disruption of service. Mayor Grant further emphasizes, “We want to ensure that residents have access to as many resources as possible and will continue to advocate for access to services that assist residents in financial need.”

“There are a lot of seniors in Seat Pleasant who live on fixed incomes and can’t pay all of their bills”, stated Jacqui Battle a resident of the city. Ms. Battle further said, “The mayor is doing a good job in bringing the community together to give them information that will help them.” Many of the utility companies offer income eligible assistance programs that people are unaware about. This event is to connect people with those resources that will benefit them. “I want people to take advantage of available programs such as the Washington Area Fuel Fund and save money for their households,” stated Mayor Grant. Maryland residents are also now able to take advantage of the free emergency mobile telephone program with SafeLink Wireless.

List of other dates and locations for the Mayor's Tuesday Night Socials

Dates	Time	Locations
Tuesday, July 19, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Seat Pleasant Heights Neighborhood Park (located between 70 th Pl & 70 th St.)
Tuesday, July 26, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Seat Pleasant Elementary School Field (6411 G Street, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743)
Tuesday, August 16, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Highland Gardens Neighborhood Park (located across the street from Booker Dr.)
Tuesday, August 23, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Goodwin Park (311 68 th Place, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743)
Tuesday, August 30, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Holly Park (Located at the end of Birchleaf Ave.)

Sponsors of the event include:

Pepco, a subsidiary of Pepco Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: POM), delivers safe, reliable and affordable electric service to more than 750,000 customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Safeway Inc. (NYSE: SWY), a Fortune 500 company, is North America's second largest supermarket chain, with over 1750 stores located throughout the western and central United States and Canada. Safeway operates 179 stores in the Eastern Division, including 76 in Maryland and 17 in Prince George's County. It also operates some stores in the Mid-Atlantic region of the Eastern Seaboard. The company is headquartered in Pleasanton, California. *Supermarket News* ranked Safeway No. 4 in the 2007 "Top 75 North American Food Retailers" based on 2006 fiscal year estimated sales of \$40.5 billion. Based on 2005 revenue, Safeway is the tenth-largest retailer in the United States.

Washington Gas delivers natural gas to approximately one million residential, commercial and industrial customers throughout metropolitan Washington, DC, and the surrounding region in Virginia and Maryland. The company was chartered by Congress in 1848 to improve the quality of life in the nation's capital. Every Washington Gas employee continues to deliver on that promise by working to provide our customers in the Washington metropolitan region with safe, reliable energy service. Washington Gas is a wholly owned subsidiary of WGL Holdings, Inc.

SafeLink Wireless service is U.S. government supported program for income eligible households. Because many Americans also find it too expensive to have mobile telephone service, the FCC expanded the national Lifeline Program to provide low-income consumers with access to wireless service. In order to participate in the SAFELINK WIRELESS® service, persons must meet certain eligibility requirements set by each State where the service is to be provided. These requirements are based on a person's participation in a state or Federal support programs or by meeting the Income Poverty Guidelines as defined by the U.S. Government. SAFELINK WIRELESS® service is limited to one person per household.

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Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence is a growing municipality situated centrally in Prince George's County, Maryland of 5,000 citizens and residents. The city is safe, vibrant and healthy; an excellent community for people to live, work, play and pray. Seat Pleasant operates a balanced \$3 million dollar operating budget and employee's over 35 full time employees. The government is comprised of a Mayor and Seven Council members; the day-to-day operation of the city is managed by a City Administrator.